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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The India-Pakistan Situation
(Report #63 - As of 4:00 P.M. EDT)

1. Pakistan is emphasizing the need to proceed rapidly toward a resolution of the Kashmir problem. The Karachi domestic radio today announced that Foreign Minister Bhutto is remaining in New York to insure that machinery is set into motion immediately for negotiations on this problem. An example of the pressures on Kashmir which may be expected from the Pakistanis is a statement by the Pakistani ambassador in Washington today that there can be no peace if India is left in "perpetual and forcible possession" of Kashmir.

2. Indian radio and press sources are reporting a heavy Pakistani air raid this afternoon on Amritsar, the Sikh holy city in the Punjab. The bombs are said to have hit a heavily populated area of the city, killing some 20 to 40 persons and injuring many more. An Indian defense ministry spokesman has made the point that this raid occurred "several hours after Pakistan had solemnly agreed to a cease-fire." Pakistan, however, has described this charge as "totally baseless," claiming to have attacked only military targets along and near the main road leading from Amritsar to the Indian border with West Pakistan.

3. India is reported to have made a protest today to Communist China over the intrusion of a Chinese reconnaissance band into the state of Uttar Pradesh, between Kashmir and Nepal.

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4. Given the extensive forward patrolling now being conducted by both sides in disputed areas along the frontier, a dialogue of protests and counterprotests over similar small-scale incursions will undoubtedly be carried on between Peking and New Delhi.

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